

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on September 18, 2007 claims 1, 3-14, 16, 17, 29-25, 27-31, 33-38, 40, 41, 43-51 and 53-55 stand rejected. These rejections are now traversed.

In an Amendment after Final dated August 17, 2007 Applicants responded to the previous Office Action dated April 17, 2007. In the Amendment after Final, Applicants amended claims 1, 25, 39, and 43 and presented new claims 57-64. In addition, Applicants presented remarks traversing the rejections.

In the 2nd paragraph of the present Office Action, the Examiner indicates that the finality of the rejections in the previous Office Action has now been withdrawn. The Examiner furthermore suggests that the claims and the remarks filed on August 17, 2007 were entered in the file. Applicants point to the 1st paragraph of the present Office Action which recites:

“This action is in response to the remarks and claim amendments submitted by Applicant on August 17, 2007.”

Furthermore, entry of the amendments and remarks submitted with the Amendment after Final dated August 17, 2007 is proper. As explained in MPEP 706.07(e):

“When a final rejection is withdrawn, all amendments filed after the final rejection are ordinarily entered.”

Therefore, the pending claims should be those presented in the Amendment after Final filed on August 17, 2007. However, in the present Office Action, the Examiner fails to address the amended claim limitations and new claims presented in the Amendment after Final. Specifically, in the rejection to claims 1, 25, 39, and 43 of the present Office Action, the Examiner fails to address the limitation “...the conversation comprising a thread of related email messages...” The Examiner furthermore fails to address pending claims 57-64.

Thus, the Examiner fails to establish that the prior art references teach or suggest all the claim limitations as required by MPEP 2142. Therefore, the present rejections to the claims are improper and should be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner now consider the amendments and remarks filed on August 17, 2007. Applicants believe the amendment and remarks filed on August 17, 2007 fully address the present rejections to the claims. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below if the Examiner believes it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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